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A. Soviet Troop Movements and Exercises:

1. First Guards Mechanized Army

- a. Light Artillery Brigade: Elements of the brigade which had been in Altengrabow since late June returned in two shipments to Koenigsbrueck on 8 August. Two shipments went to Altengrabow on 9 August.
- b. 8th Guards Mechanized Division: Elements of the 12th Guards Mechanized Regiment were loaded onto two trains at Markranstaedt, one of the trains going to Ortrand north of Koenigsbrueck. One shipment with armored personnel carriers and field guns went from Grimma to Koenigsbrueck on 21 August. On the next day 20 armored personnel carriers with medium and light AT guns of the 20th Guards Mechanized Regiment departed from Koenigsbrueck toward Dresden. On 17 and 18 August, the 1st Tank Division and tanks of the three mechanized regiments of the division conducted an exercise, in conjunction with armored and artillery units of the 9th Tank Division, in the area between Grossenhain and Muehlberg. There, a ferry crossing of the Elbe took place with AAA protection.
- c. 11th Guards Tank Division: A unit of the division with 9 T-34 tanks were engaged in exercises in the Zeithain area.

2. 2nd Guards Mechanized Army

- a. 31st AAA Division: An element of the division returned with 12 x 85 mm AA guns from Wustrow to Schoenewalde on 17 August.

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- b. 9th Guards Tank Division: Units of the division were engaged in exercises in the area southeast of Mirow up to 19 August.
 - c. 12th Guards Tank Division: Exercises held by mixed combat groups, above regimental strength, in the East Sector of the Wittstock troop training grounds were apparently terminated on 14 August. About 170 motor vehicles and motorcycles, 96 armored personnel carriers and armored scout cars, 20 SP guns, 18 J8 tanks, 40 T-34 tanks, 8 x 122 mm field howitzers and 8 x 37 mm AA guns were observed in connection with the exercise.
 - d. 1st Mechanized Division: Exercises held by tank units of the division at the Doeberitz training grounds continued until 19 August. On 18 August, 18 tanks from the Neue Infanterie Kaserne (2221) and 47 tanks from the Speck area were entrained in Neustrelitz.
3. Third Guards Mechanized Army:
- a. 9th Mechanized Division: Exercises held by troops and tanks of the division in the area west of Wuensdorf terminated on 4 August when the troops departed toward Baruth. Two shipments with artillery units of the division were sent from Altengrabow to Peitz on 10 and 14 August.
 - b. 7th Guards Tank Division: Elements of the division were still stationed in the South Sector of Letzling Heath.
4. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army:
- a. 7th Guards Mechanized Division: Units of the division were entrained in Frankfurt/Oder on 15 August and presumably sent to Lieberose.
 - b. 10th Guards Tank Division: On 20 and 21 August, four shipments from Grosswudicke were unloaded at the Satzkorn railroad station. The shipments included 29 T-34 tanks, 11 JSU-122's, eight armored personnel carriers, 14 x 122 mm field howitzers and 87 motor vehicles.
 - c. 25th Tank Division: A shipment with seven T-34 tanks and 9 motor vehicles was entrained at Templin on 8 August.
 - d. 6th Guards Mechanized Division: Twelve 122 mm field howitzers, 44 trucks and 700 men from Camp Hammelspring were entrained at Templin on 18 August. On 13 August, a train carrying 12 medium AA guns and 24 trucks passed through Templin, coming from the direction of Camp Vogelsang. On the same day, a column of about 60 trucks and 25 x 37 mm AA guns passed through Templin enroute toward Camp Hammelspring. Two shipments from Templin with troops of the 68th Guards Tank Regiment were unloaded at Berlin-Kaulsdorf on 23 and 24 August. They presumably came from the exercise which had started in the Biesenthal area on 18 August.
5. Third Shock Army:
- a. 207th Rifle Division: A shipment with artillery units of the 597th Rifle Regiment was sent from Quedlinburg toward Halberstadt on 7 August. They were presumably sent to participate in the divisional exercises which were being held in Tangermünde-Bittkau area on 12 August.
 - b. 19th Guards Mechanized Division: Waldlager III at Born was still occupied to capacity by elements of the division.
6. Eighth Guards Army:
- a. Army Units: Thirty to forty trucks of the 19th Guards Engineer Battalion with many pontoons were observed moving westward along the Bad-Koesen-Eckertsberga road in the afternoon of 15 August. All units of the army

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artillery brigades were located in Altenburg.

- b. 308th Artillery Brigade: The brigade was located in Gera on 18 August.
- c. 21st Guards Mechanized Division: Columns consisting of 100 motor vehicles, 45 T-34 tanks and 30 x 37 mm AA guns were seen passing through Tauhardt toward Eckertsberga in the evening of 17 August.
- d. 57th Guards Rifle Division: Major elements of the division were still at the Kindel troop training grounds prior to 20 August. Medium artillery units held firing practice between 13 and 17 August. Elements of the 17th Guards Tank and SP Regiment with 16 T-34 and JS tanks moved from Kindel to the South Sector of Letzling Heath between 12 and 18 August. About 300 troops of the 174th Guards Rifle Regiment with light mortars returned to Installation 8521 in Weissenfels between 9 and 21 August.

7. IV Artillery Corps:

Elements of the 32nd AAA division with light AA guns entrained at Frankfurt/Oder on 15 August, presumably for shipment to Altengrabow. Eight old rocket launchers and 30 trucks of the 25th Guards RI Brigade were shipped from Rathenow to the USSR on 17 August.

8. Army troops of the GSFG:

A column of six trucks and two DUKW-type amphibious vehicles of the engineer regiment from Bernburg passed through Riesa enroute toward Grossenhain on 16 August. Between 12 and 16 August, units with about 65 trucks, eight large amphibious vehicles, six trailers and pontoons moved into the Aken Engineer camp from the direction of Leipzig.

B. KVP Developments:

1. Engineer troops, presumably the engineer battalion from Prora, were transferred to the former Grenadier Kaserne in Schwerin during the first half of August.
2. The fall inspection of the Rifle Division Prenzlau was reportedly to start on 10 September.
3. Rifle Division Prenzlau, minus the 2nd Regiment, held an exercise in the Jaegerbrueck area between 16 and 19 August. The exercise was watched by Interior Minister Stoph, Major General Allenstein and Major General Rentsch. The bulk of the 2nd Regiment was engaged in a river crossing exercise on Blindow Lake north of Prenzlau on 12 August. A repetition of the exercise is scheduled. On 5 August, small units of the Schwerin Rifle Division with 57 mm AT guns were seen enroute to or from exercises on the Baltic Sea coast, presumably the Graal firing range. Elements of Mechanized Division Potsdam left the training grounds east of Kietz, allegedly for Altengrabow, between 10 and 13 August. Firing practice with 120 mm mortars and 76.2 mm guns was held at Kietz up to 10 August. Elements of the 1st Mechanized Regiment were entrained at Oranienburg on 19 August.

Comment: An increased number of exercises by stronger mixed combat groups of numerous Soviet divisions outside of the regular training grounds was noted. An exercise which featured a river crossing was held by two divisions of the First Guards Mechanized Army and by engineer troops of the GSFG during the second half of August. The KVP was continuing exercises at a regimental level.

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